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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Naschica S Morrison	3632	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Naschica S Morrison. (3) _____.

(2) Richard Harris. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 14 August 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 11.

Identification of prior art discussed: Jackson '306, Burriss '597, Goodman '297.

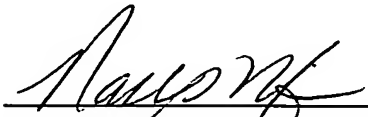
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant argued that the prior art does not teach the display of an article wherein the article, mounting apparatus, and anti-theft sensor are all intergrated. Applicant argued that Burriss does not teach a dedicated sensor region and that Goodman does not teach the article (see Fig.1) being attached to the mounting apparatus. Applicant provided a proposed amendment to claims 1 and 11 and argued that the newly added limitations (ie. the limitation reciting the mounting member being operably configured to facilitate the manual handling, inspection, and demonstration of the article) are patentably distinct over the prior art of record. Examiner did not agree. Examiner stated that the environment in which the apparatus is intended to be used is well understood, but that the claim language must define the structure of the invention in such a way as to read over the prior art of record.

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Comments This communication concerns Ser. No. 10/016,574. We appreciate your giving us the opportunity to discuss this case and the proposed amendments with you tomorrow at 11 am your time, 10 am Chicago time.



Date August 13, 2003

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PROPOSED AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A universal mount assembly for operably connecting an anti-theft device in one of a plurality of orientations to an article being monitored, said article being monitored including a threaded mounting aperture, the universal mount assembly comprising:

a mounting member for bringing an anti-theft sensor assembly in operable contact with the article being monitored;

the mounting member being operably configured to facilitate the manual handling, inspection and demonstration of the article;

the mounting member including an upper surface describing an article attachment region, a lower surface, a plurality of apertures for enabling adjustable attachment of the mounting member to the article being monitored at said article attachment region, and further including a dedicated sensor region distinct from said article attachment region for fixedly attaching an anti-theft sensor assembly to the mounting member to enable operable contact with the article being monitored;

an anti-theft sensor assembly fixedly attached to the mounting member at the sensor region for contacting the article being monitored to, in turn, detect tampering with the article being so monitored;

said plurality of apertures in the mounting member further comprising at least three apertures with at least one of the at least three apertures not in linear alignment with at least two of the other at least three apertures;

the at least three apertures extending from the upper surface to the lower surface of the mounting member to permit a threaded portion of a first fastener to pass therethrough into the threaded mounting aperture of the article being monitored, for restrainable yet reorientable attachment of the mounting member and the anti-theft sensor assembly to the article being monitored ~~via said threaded mounting aperture~~;

said reorientable attachment extending into at least two substantially intersecting directions of movement to optimize the restrained positioning of said

article being monitored along said mounting member for mounting said anti-theft sensor assembly, in at least one preferred attachment position;

said sensor region being positioned on the mounting member in a position laterally displaced from, and independent from, said plurality of apertures used to secure the mounting member to the article being monitored,

said anti-theft sensor assembly including one or more structures for fastening said anti-theft sensor assembly to the mounting member in said position laterally displaced from, and independent from, said plurality of apertures used to secure the mounting member to the article being monitored.

11. (Currently Amended) A universal mount assembly for operably connecting an anti-theft device in one of a plurality of orientations to an article being monitored, said article being monitored including a threaded mounting aperture, the universal mount assembly comprising:

a mounting member for bringing an anti-theft sensor assembly in operable contact with the article being monitored;

the mounting member being operably configured to facilitate the manual handling and inspection of the article;

the mounting member including an upper surface describing an article attachment region, a lower surface, a first plurality of apertures and a second plurality of apertures for enabling adjustable attachment of the mounting member to the article being monitored at said article attachment region, and further including a dedicated sensor region distinct from said article attachment region with a first threaded aperture for fixedly attaching an anti-theft sensor assembly to the mounting member to enable operable contact with the article being monitored;

an anti-theft sensor assembly fixedly attached to the mounting member at the sensor region for contacting the article being monitored to, in turn, detect tampering with the article being so monitored;

said first plurality of apertures being arranged in a first aperture region and said second plurality of apertures being arranged in a second aperture region;

said first aperture region being located adjacent to the sensor region on one side thereof, said second aperture region being located adjacent to the sensor region on the other side thereof, said first aperture region being arranged substantially opposite to the second aperture region along said mounting member;

said first plurality of apertures in the mounting member further comprising at least three first apertures with at least one of the at least three first apertures not in linear alignment with at least two of the other at least three first apertures;

said second plurality of apertures in the mounting member further comprising at least three second apertures with at least one of the at least three second apertures not in linear alignment with at least two of the other at least three second apertures;

the at least three first apertures extending from the upper surface to the lower surface of the mounting member to permit a threaded portion of a first fastener to pass therethrough into the threaded mounting aperture of the article being monitored, for restrainable yet reorientable attachment of the mounting member and the anti-theft sensor assembly to the article being monitored via ~~said threaded mounting aperture~~;

the at least three second apertures extending from the upper surface to the lower surface of the mounting member to permit a threaded portion of a first fastener to pass therethrough, for restrainable yet reorientable attachment of the mounting member and the anti-theft sensor assembly to the article being monitored via said threaded mounting aperture;

said reorientable attachment extending into at least two substantially intersecting directions of movement amongst each of said first and second aperture regions to optimize the restrained positioning of said article along said

mounting member for monitoring by said anti-theft sensor, in at least one preferred attachment position in at least one of said first and second aperture regions;

said sensor region being positioned on the mounting member in a position laterally displaced from, and independent from, said plurality of apertures used to secure the mounting member to the article being monitored,

said anti-theft sensor assembly including one or more structures for fastening said anti-theft sensor assembly to the mounting member in said position laterally displaced from, and independent from, said plurality of apertures used to secure the mounting member to the article being monitored.